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[Article by Docent Engineer Jaroslav Jaks, candidate of sciences, of the Advanced School of Economy, Prague: "New Stage in EEC-CEMA Relations; Both Cooperation and Rivalry"]

[Excerpt] [Passage omitted] **The socialist countries affiliated in CEMA**—despite the respectable results achieved in the postwar years—**have slowed down the pace of integration in recent years.** Some divergent tendencies have strengthened. The efforts aimed at restructuring the integration mechanism are asserting themselves. The prerequisites necessary to embark upon the path leading toward the socialist single market are being weighed, but there are still many obstacles. At the same time, the search for a more dynamic model of international socialist economic cooperation does not proceed in a vacuum. It is totally influenced by the all-European process and the European Community's [EC] interest in persuading those CEMA countries which are interested in cooperation. Also, the domestic political developments in some European socialist countries must not be underestimated, developments which are oriented toward preferring the "pro-Western openness" of economies. Is all this in harmony with the construction of the "common European home" or, on the contrary, is it a factor that complicates it?

Disproportions in Normalization of Relations

The normalization of relations between the EC and CEMA in June 1988 has created a legal framework for contacts, the concrete implementation of which is, above all, within the power of the individual CEMA countries which, thus far, have no coordinated policy in this respect which would be as effective as that of the EC. The course of the talks with the individual socialist countries to date fully bears this out; **what comes to the foreground are political viewpoints, especially the assessment of the "market intensity" of the restructuring processes and the changes in the economic-political philosophy.** The CEMA countries, which from this viewpoint (including the human rights issue) enjoy a "positive assessment" in Brussels, can count on more generosity in the EC's attitude toward further possibilities of cooperation.

East-West Relations

A study of the so-called trilateral commission addressing East-West issues under the conditions of restructuring (authors: Nakasone, d'Estaing, Kissinger) stresses that "one has to pay exceptional attention to the political future of the East European countries which are Warsaw Pact members," and that one has to reckon with "Europe returning to more natural relations when those countries express their own attitude toward West Europe and its political structure."

The concept of the so-called West European institutions vis a vis the socialist countries is without doubt a step toward the convergence of the divided Europe, but again on a fairly asymmetrical basis. One cannot fail to see that the West European countries show no interest in entering East European structures but, on the contrary, regard the "unification of Europe" to be a matter-of-course precisely when the socialist countries' contacts with their institutions intensify. The study even recommends that in the future the EC should contemplate the possibility of also applying the article on association with the EC to those CEMA countries which show interest in this.

The more the economic-strategic factors become the crucial criteria of contacts, the more the contradictory dialectics of the contemporary stage of the all-European process will become evident. Unfortunately, these factors reflect considerable asymmetry between the economic performance and the domestic political influence of the two economic organizations. Here no laments or building of a new Wall of China will help; **the obvious solution**—in accordance with the conclusions of the highest party and state bodies of the CEMA countries—**is the parallel approach.** That means intensifying everything that strengthens coordination, including the restructuring processes, with the objective of strengthening socialism in a modern form, while at the same time making use of the all-European process and all forms of economic and technological cooperation to achieve this. This two-in-one approach will also fully reflect the class realities of Europe which, despite the diminishing risk of military confrontation, remains a place where two differing social systems are rivals.

International Nuclear Energy Conference Concludes

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[ADN report: "International Conference on Nuclear Power Plants"]

[Text] East Berlin (ADN)—On Tuesday [18 July] representatives of the state control organs of Bulgaria, the CSSR, the GDR, and the USSR, which are working in the field of the peaceful use of nuclear energy, concluded their 2-day conference at the GDR State Office for Nuclear Safety and Radiation Protection in Berlin. Proceeding from the safety recommendations worked out by the IAEA, which reflect the worldwide consensus on a number of problems of nuclear safety, specific questions of further developing the safety of nuclear power plant reactors in the countries represented at the conference were discussed.

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[ADN report: "Progress Must Finally Be Made in Nuclear Disarmament"]

[Excerpt] Geneva—At the Geneva disarmament conference on Thursday [3 August], GDR Ambassador Dietze stressed the socialist states' willingness and readiness to finally make progress in nuclear disarmament. In his capacity as coordinator of the group of socialist states at the conference, he said that the body of 40 countries, in which all nuclear countries are represented, was the most adequate forum to give shape to the idea of a world free of nuclear weapons.

He said that this group of socialist states was backing every measure for the substantive discussion of the theme "discontinuation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament," which was on the agenda. Dietze added that this was also proved by the socialist states' consent to the proposal submitted by the group of neutral and nonaligned states to set up an ad-hoc committee on this issue, by their readiness to resume unofficial meetings of the plenum on nuclear disarmament, and by joint proposals of socialist states for a substantive dialogue on nuclear disarmament problems.

Ambassador Dietze pointed out that at their recent Bucharest meeting, the Warsaw Pact countries had confirmed their readiness to try to reach accords with all countries interested, that would lead to a stepwise reduction in, and total elimination of all nuclear weapons. He said that what was now necessary was the will to seriously discuss these problems in the disarmament conference. He said that the time was ripe for making practical steps in the direction of setting up an ad-hoc committee on this issue. The ambassador regretted that the group of Western countries is not yet ready to resume multilateral negotiations on nuclear disarmament at the conference. [passage omitted]

Interviewed on Chemical Weapons

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[Text] Geneva (ADN)—Ambassador Dr Peter Dietze, head of the GDR delegation, has granted the ADN correspondent in Geneva the following interview on the state of negotiations at the Geneva Conference on Disarmament on the convention concerning the ban on chemical weapons:

Question: The Geneva disarmament conference is to end this year's session in a few weeks' time. How do you assess the state of the negotiations on banning chemical weapons?

Answer: Let me emphasize three points: Firstly, the serious concern of many states that the negotiations on eliminating this category of mass destruction weapons are not proceeding speedily enough and that—whether intentionally or unintentionally—they often get bogged down on technical details. Secondly, the urging by many delegations to take up positions on the still outstanding key issues in order to create preconditions for conjoint solutions. And finally, the increasingly clearer demands for finishing the work on the draft convention.

Question: Can you give any details on likely progress?

Answer: In my view we have made some progress on technical questions regarding verification of the production ban on chemical weapons. There is agreement on the chemicals to be checked. Matters are similar with regard to the protection of confidential information which, because of verification work to be done by a future international organization for chemical disarmament, must be made available. It is now necessary for all parties involved to keep the commitments entered into in Paris without ifs and buts, including the United States.

Question: You have mentioned unsolved key questions. What particular problems do you have in mind?

Answer: Essentially it is a question of inspections on demand when a violation of the convention is suspected. Such inspections must be possible at any time and anywhere without the right of appeal. It is a matter of the sequence of the destruction of stockpiled chemical weapons and their production plants. This also includes the problem of sanctions in case of treaty violations and the composition of the executive council of the future organization for chemical disarmament. Once there is movement on these issues then details still outstanding could be cleared up relatively quickly.

Question: Why is it so difficult to settle the key questions you have mentioned?

Answer: In the first instance, political decisions are needed in order to reach agreements. That means to actually want a global, comprehensive, and effectively verifiable ban on chemical weapons at the earliest possible time. Obviously, a ban on chemical weapons, the destruction of such weapons and their production plants is no easy matter. But we feel that however complicated the subject may be, the time has come, after 6 years, to move into the crucial negotiation phase. The GDR's proposal for a meeting of the Geneva disarmament conference at the foreign minister level also aims at this in order to secure the determined completion of the convention.

Question: As far as I know the socialist states have taken determined steps to achieve a breakthrough at the negotiations.

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'Tough Fight' Lies Ahead for Polish Communists

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[Jiri Cebrovsky Commentary]

[Excerpt] Hardly anyone doubts that there is a complicated situation in Poland today. A government crisis culminated in Czeslaw Kiszczak tendering his resignation. Solidarity leader Walesa then announced on Friday [18 August] the names of three candidates for the post of prime minister of the Polish Government. All three of them are representatives of this trade union organization.

All sorts of things can be discovered in their biographies. Nevertheless, what is most essential is the fact that the future government will have a Solidarity representative as its prime minister. Such developments have pleased many of Solidarity's officials. As Solidarity spokesman Janusz Onyszkiewicz said, it is the last nail in the coffin of the leading role of the Communist Party.

Did he want to say even more about this. That it is also the last nail in the coffin of socialism in Poland? Has the Polish United Workers' Party lost the fight for power? Has Solidarity already switched to changes in society, despite the fact that its leader, Lech Walesa, only in May insisted that in the next 4 years he does not want to disrupt the process of combatting the crisis in Polish society?

We will have the answers to many questions only later. Nevertheless, the fact is that a tough fight lies ahead of the Polish Communists, in the government, parliament, and in society. The steps of the opposition clearly aim at destroying the hitherto government coalition and isolating the Polish Communists.

Such an attitude could have serious consequences as far as political stability is concerned, because as political observers say, for example: Even the equilibrium of forces which has recently been created in the country can be impaired, not to mention the fact that today more is being said about a power struggle than about ways of tackling the large deficit and of putting the economy in order. Solidarity's ideas regarding Western financial aid to Poland are still only a matter of imagination. [passage omitted]

1968 Anniversary Noted; Peace, Stability Urged

Party Presidium on 1968 Events

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[Text] At its session today the Presidium of the Central Committee Communist Party of Czechoslovakia [CPCZ] examined the social and political situation and an informative report on aktivs and meetings of party members, organizations of the National Front and national committees, which took place during the past few days. It appreciated the growing preparations for the 18th party congress, and the activity at the start of the period of the annual members' meetings and conferences of the party and in fulfilling national economic plans and carrying out tasks connected with social restructuring. It noted that the participants in the aktivs and meetings have been voicing full support for the CPCZ policy and have been expressing the resolve to carry out the program for restructuring and democratizing society set out by the party.

At the aktivs as well as in numerous letters from party organizations, working collectives, and individuals reaching the Party Central Committee concern has been expressed at attempts by antisocialist forces to destabilize our state and demanding energetic measures in the interest of order and calm to permit creative work for the benefit of the republic.

In connection with the forthcoming anniversary of 21 August 1968, various efforts and views are emerging in our country and abroad endeavoring, so to speak, to reappraise the events of that time. The Party Central Committee Presidium stressed that the period of social and political crisis in the period 1968-1969 and the events connected with that period had been examined and assessed in detail at the 14th Party Congress in 1971 using all available facts. Each period has to be assessed in its historical internal and external political context. Our country's perspectives are rightly linked with the creative activity of social restructuring and democratization. The Czechoslovak public at the same time follows with interest the changes taking place in individual socialist countries. It identifies itself with developments aimed at strengthening socialism and reinforcing mutual relations on the basis of the new quality of internationalism by applying the new political thinking in international relations.

The Party Central Committee Presidium at the same time voiced full support for this statement by the federal government and voiced the conviction that the appeal for calm and order will receive the support of all party members and other citizens.

The Presidium of the Party Central Committee acquainted itself with the standpoint adopted by the Political Executive Committee of the Hungarian Socialist Workers Party on 15 August this year in connection with the anniversary of the Czechoslovak events of 1968. It noted that the standpoint did not show sufficient appreciation of the internal and external political contexts of the 1968 developments and that it objectively helps the forces which act against socialism and the processes of restructuring in Czechoslovakia. At the same time the Presidium stressed its interest in the active development of mutual cooperation between the people of our two countries and fraternal parties.

At its session today the Presidium also discussed preparations for the celebrations of the 45th anniversary of the Slovak national uprising and considered the draft of the speech to be delivered by Comrade Milos Jakes at a festive demonstration which will be held in Banska Bystrica on 26 August.

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Independent Role of Peoples' Councils Stressed

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[Article by Sihat Tozaj, secretary of the Presidium of the People's Assembly: "The Independent Activity of the People's Councils—A Requirement of the Times in Resolving Problems"]

[Excerpts] The consolidation, democratization, and revolutionization of the people's power has accompanied all the processes of the country's socialist construction. The party's efforts to protect it against the dangerous malaises of bureaucracy and liberalism has always been and remains one of the guarantees that it will be further consolidated and perfected at all levels, remaining inviolate as power in the hands of the people.

The organs of the people's power, from the center to the base, are working and leading with a broader horizon and with a more complete knowledge and authority. This is due to the party's guiding role, which is an absolute necessity for the very existence and development of the people's power. The party forums in the districts, the committee bureaus and basic organizations, are doing better work in leading and guiding the work of the district executive committees and people's councils, the people's councils in the united villages, in the villages, cities, and city quarters, demanding that they be informed about their work, helping them to carry out more profound analyses, to tackle and follow up the more important problems, so they can carry out their duties in conformity with the laws and, on the basis of their authority, so they can resolve the problems of the economy, education and culture, defense, and so forth. This solicitude of the party organs and organizations has made it possible to constantly raise and consolidate the role and authority of the power organs, in general, and of the people's councils, in particular.

In the efforts to raise the role and authority of the power organs, including primarily the people's councils, the constant aim has been and continues to be to make certain that the best, more capable, and more devoted elements, those who always prepared to serve the people honestly and loyally, are brought into these organs. This solicitude was clearly and forcefully reflected also in the campaign for the 7 May elections for the people's councils and people's courts. As always, the people, enjoying full and broad democracy, discussed and threshed out opinions on the selection and election of candidates for council members. The social organizations, the Youth Union, the Women's Union, the Trade Unions, and the veterans' organizations selected their best members as candidates, and their candidacies were discussed by the people. The electors thus approved as candidates for council members the best of the best, presented by the Democratic Front Organization. The 43,000 council members elected in the 7 May elections, which were a brilliant victory of the party's correct line, were selected following a discussion of the merits and the examination of 130,000 candidates who, in their turn, had been selected out of an even larger number of individuals proposed by the Democratic Front and by the people directly. In Fier District, for example, the candidacies of more than 6,600 individuals proposed for the people's councils at various levels were examined, out of which 2,304 were then elected.

Over 50 percent of the council members were elected for the first time. Sixty-one percent are under 35 years of age and about 68 percent have had secondary and higher education. These and other indicators are a testimony of the obvious rejuvenation and improvement in the composition of the people's councils in recent elections. In addition, the constant election of new and young members has made it possible for an increasingly larger number of citizens to acquaint themselves with the work of the people's councils, with the problems examined and resolved by them, to acquaint themselves with the tasks and rights of elected representatives, to penetrate into the essence of the great questions concerning the state and the people, and to learn how to govern. [passage omitted]

Independent action in the working methods of the people's councils arises as an absolute necessity in confronting the growing tasks of all branches of the economy and the problems arising from our rapid socioeconomic development. Acting independently means tackling problems efficiently and quickly. This, however, requires a proper knowledge of the authority vested in councils and their members, as well as of the problems and the requirements and complaints of the people. On the basis of this knowledge, able council members and the councils as a whole, being close to the preoccupations and concerns of all the people, will really play their full role. This efficient method, as has been shown in practice by the experience gained, makes council members operative and the people's councils gain authority and are able to increasingly better resolve economic tasks and the requirements and complaints of the citizens.

The party insists that the activity of the people's councils should seethe with debates in order to obtain the most correct and efficient solutions to various problems, that criticism and self-criticism should become more lively, that internal control be strengthened, that ties with the masses be forged, and that the direct control of the latter over the activity carried out by the councils be further stimulated. This is achieved through a constant effort concerning the juridical and professional training of council members.

Considerable experience has been gained in this. There are numerous forms intended for this purpose, including seminars on the authority of councils and their members, meetings at which the advanced experience of councils and their members is made known, courses attended by

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Romanian National Day Anniversary Celebrated

Miska, Korbeci Attend Reception

AU2208191989 Tirana Domestic Service in Albanian 1800 GMT 22 Aug 89

[Text] Gheorghe Pop, extraordinary and plenipotentiary Romanian ambassador in Tirana, hosted this evening a reception on the occasion of Romania's liberation anniversary.

The reception was attended by Pali Miska, deputy chairman of the Council of Ministers and minister of agriculture; Shane Korbeci, minister of foreign trade; Llambi Gegprifti, chairman of the Tirana District People's Council Executive Committee; Muhamet Kapllani, deputy minister of foreign affairs, and other guests. The heads and officials of foreign diplomatic missions accredited to the People's Socialist Republic of Albania, were also present.

Alia, Carcani Greet Ceausescu

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[Text] Comrade Ramiz Alia, chairman of the Presidium of the People's Assembly, and Comrade Adil Carcani, chairman of the Council of Ministers of the People's Socialist Republic of Albania, have sent the following telegram to Nicolae Ceausescu, President of the Socialist Republic of Romania, and Constantin Dascalescu, Prime Minister of the People's Socialist Republic of Albania: On the occasion of the 45th jubilee anniversary of Romania's liberation, in the name of the Albanian people, the Presidium of the People's Assembly, the Council of Ministers of the People's Socialist Republic of Albania, and personally, we convey to you, and through you to the Romanian people, cordial greetings and best wishes for successes in the development, progress, and prosperity of your country.

May the relations and friendly cooperation between our two countries develop constantly to the mutual benefit of our two peoples and to the benefit of peace and security in the region.

Embassy Conference Held

AU2208155989 Tirana ATA in English 1052 GMT 22 Aug 89

[Text] Tirana, August 22 (ATA)—On occasion of the 45th anniversary of the National Day of Romania, the ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary of the Socialist Republic of Romania to the People's Socialist Republic of Albania, Gheorghe Pop, organized a press conference on August 21 at the seat of the embassy.

Attending were working people of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, representatives of the press central organs, of radio-television, and ATA.

Algerian National Assembly Official Departs

AU1808124389 Tirana ATA in English 0730 GMT 18 Aug 89

["The chairman of the People's National Assembly of Algeria, Rabah Bitat Left Our Country"—ATA headline]

[Text] Tirana, August 18 (ATA)—The Chairman of the People's National Assembly of the Algerian Democratic and Popular Republic, Rabah Bitat, who paid a friendly visit to Albania, left our country, on August 17.

At the Rinas airport he was seen off by the chairman of the Presidency of the People's Assembly, Petro Dode; the vice-chairman of the Council of Ministers and minister of agriculture, Pali Miska; the secretary of the Presidium of the People's Assembly, Sihat Tozaj; and the vice minister for foreign affairs, Muhamet Kapllani.

Present was also the Ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary of the Algerian Democratic and Popular Republic in our country, Mohamed Lemkami.

On August 16 evening, in honor of Rabah Bitat, the Chairman of the Presidency of the People's Assembly, Petro Dode, gave a dinner, which passed in a warm and cordial atmosphere.

The dinner was attended by the Vice-Chairman of the Council of Ministers and Minister of Agriculture, Pali Miska; the Minister of Industry, Mining, and Energetics, Besnik Bekteshi; the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Reis Malile; the Secretary of the Presidium of the People's Assembly, Sihat Tozaj; the Minister of Health, Ahmet Kamberi; the Director of the Study Institute of International Relations, Sofokli Lazri, and other comrades.

Over his stay in our country, the chairman of the People's National Assembly of Algeria, Rabah Bitat, accompanied by the Vice-Chairman of the Council of Ministers and Minister of Agriculture, Pali Miska, paid visits to the districts of Vlore and Berat. He visited economic, socio-cultural and museum centers, where he was closely acquainted with the history of our people, with the successes and transformations carried out in these districts over the years of the people's power in all the fields. Everywhere he was extended a very warm and friendly reception. At the Museum of National Independence in Vlore, Mr. Rabah Bitat said: Visiting this museum which reflects the efforts of the Albanian sons for freedom and independence, we pay homage to the patriots and fighters who spared nothing, pay tribute to the Albanian people."

Present at these visits was also the Ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary of the Algerian Democratic and Popular Republic to the People's Socialist Republic of Albania, Mohamed Lemkami.

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[ADN report: "Joint Command Staff Exercises on GDR Territory Concluded"]

[Text] East Berlin (ADN)—In accordance with the program of joint measures of the Joint Armed Forces of the Warsaw Pact states, a joint command staff exercise of the leading organs of the USSR Western Group of Forces and the GDR National People's Army took place on GDR territory from 11 to 17 July 1989. It was headed by Army General Petr Lushev, commander in chief of the Warsaw Pact Joint Armed Forces.

Important phases of the exercise were attended by Army General Heinz Kessler, member of the Politburo of the Central Committee of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany and GDR minister of national defense.

The exercise demonstrated the higher level of training of the staffs of the allied armies and comprised the practical implementation of the stipulations of the Warsaw Pact states' defense doctrine. It served the further perfection of cooperation between the staffs of the two armies. The exercise made an effective contribution to consolidating the comradeship-in-arms between the members of the USSR Armed Forces and the GDR National People's Army.

Ivanyi Views Hungary's Position in CEMA

LD2308200189 Budapest MTI in English 0922 GMT 23 Aug 89

[Text] Budapest, AUGUST 23, 1989 (MTI-Econews)—Mr Pal Ivanyi, a secretary of the ruling Hungarian Socialist Workers Party, speaking on Tuesday at the party's summer university in Tata, a small town in northern Hungary, suggested that it will be at least another 5 to 10 years before a new model for Comecon [CEMA] trade is in place, and then only provided radical reforms are introduced over the next couple of years.

That fundamental changes are needed is not in question, negotiations between member countries relate only to how quickly and in what direction they should go, Mr Ivanyi said.

Comecon, in his opinion, had been set up primarily for political reasons and in today's world such international economic communities need to be based on strong domestic markets which for the time being do not exist among the socialist countries.

Hungary, however, has no choice but to remain within Comecon since it cannot survive without continued economic cooperation with the socialist countries especially, the Soviet Union, he emphasized.

Bloc Christians Urge Peace, Sign Statement

LD1908103189 East Berlin ADN International Service in German 0201 GMT 19 Aug 89

[Text] Berlin (ADN)—"As Christians from socialist countries we are in favor of creating peace with increasingly few weapons. Together with all people of good will we are striving for a world without war and violence. We welcome and support everything that serves this aim." This is reaffirmed in a joint statement by Christian personalities from four socialist countries on the occasion of the anniversaries of the beginning of the two world wars. The document is signed by Metropolitan Filaret of Minsk and Belorussia, head of the department of external church relations of the Russian Orthodox Church; Zbynek Zalman, chairman of the Czechoslovak People's Party; Zenon Komender, chairman of the [Catholic] PAX Association of the People's Republic of Poland; Kazimierz Morawski, president of the Christian Social Association of the People's Republic of Poland; and Gerald Goetting, chairman of the Christian Democratic Union of Germany (GDR).

The danger of nuclear war had to be averted through new zero-options, and also the arms race abandoned in the conventional sphere, so that the process of confidence-building and detente, introduced by the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, makes progress in the interests of joint security. The statement states that the proposals and unilateral prior concessions made by the Warsaw Pact states are a chance to make the peace in the common home of Europe more secure, to allow confidence to grow, and to promote cooperation for the benefit of mankind and its environment.

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BTA 'Announcement' on Turkey Stopping Train

AU2508192989 Sofia BTA in English
1801 GMT 25 Aug 89

["Announcement of BTA"—BTA headline]

[Text] Sofia, August 25 (BTA)—As it became known, almost simultaneously with her decision to halt the arrival of Bulgarian citizens, unilaterally and contrary to all existing multilateral international agreements the Turkish side announced that as from August 25, 1989, the rail service of International Train 1293/1292 from Munich to Istanbul in Turkish territory is discontinued. This step was taken in spite of Turkey's obligation to send a preliminary notice to all European railway authorities concerned within a set time limit. The Turkish side motivated their decision by the implausible allegation that Bulgarian citizens without Turkish visas travelled on the train.

The ungrounded action taken by the Turkish side created a complicated situation in the international railway traffic in Europe and cut off an especially important railway communication line with the Middle East.

Today Mr Veselin Pavlov, director general of the Bulgarian Railways (BDZ), sent a cable to all European railway authorities advising them of Turkey's unilateral decision to close the Svilengrad-Kapikule border station to the transportation of passengers and express international parcels.

It is underlined in the cable that it is the obligation of all railway administrations to ensure maximum comfort in the transportation of passengers who have paid their railway fare and not to divide them into categories and nationalities and engage in carrying out unusual functions, such as passport control. In this connection, the leadership of the Bulgarian Railways (BDZ) states that up to date the Bulgarian side has strictly discharged their duties of carrying passengers and cargoes under the framework of international communication lines.

The European railway authorities were informed that train service No 1293/1292 will operate through the territory of Bulgaria according to the timetable approved by the General Assembly of the European Conference on Passenger Trains in Florence and that passengers and express parcels will be carried to and from the station in Svilengrad. For the time being there are no restrictions as to the passage of freight trains through this point. At the moment Train No 1293 from Munich is at the station in Svilengrad. There are 90 passengers on it—foreign citizens and one five-member Bulgarian family who have Turkish visas. Although their documents are in order, the Turkish side did not allow the train and the passengers to enter their territory.

In the meantime, in spite of the official statement made by Mr Turgut Ozal's government that the receipt of all Bulgarian citizens who have got Turkish visas would be unobstructed, some information has been received that the Turkish authorities actually limit their stay in the territory of Turkey to 15 days, after which they will be forcibly returned to Bulgaria.

The Bulgarian side once again calls upon the Turkish Government to make a real assessment of the situation and observe voluntarily the international agreements, contracts and obligations assumed in the name of humanism and civilized relations.

Details of Incident

AU2508194689 Sofia BTA in English
1912 GMT 25 Aug 89

["Barrier in Front of International Train"—BTA headline]

[Text] Svilengrad, August 25 (BTA)—The Munich-Istanbul international though train today arrived at the railway station of Svilengrad according to schedule. After the customs and border formalities were performed, Nikolay Nikolov, chief traffic controller, asked the green light to be given to the train, but the Kapikule border railway station refused to accept the train, the passage of which is coordinated by the railway authorities of several countries. The utterly unpleasant news that they cannot go on was announced to the passengers—citizens of Holland, France, Poland, Yugoslavia, Libya, China, some African countries and also of Turkey—in several languages.

All passengers, the Turkish included, expressed their resentment over the latest act of Ankara.

The employees of the railway station arranged the transportation of luggage and parcels from the mail-van, which were bound to Istanbul. Part of them are addressed to receivers in the Arab countries.

The long train, which did not get to the final station of its route through the Turkish authorities' fault, now occupies one of the lines in Svilengrad. Tomorrow, according to schedule, the train will leave the station at 0550 hrs en route to Munich.

Halting the international train is an unprecedented case in railway traffic and a gross violation of the International Convention on Passenger Transportation, said Mr Stoycho Stoev, master of the railway station.

Further Delay Reported

AU2708172989 Sofia BTA in English
1659 GMT 27 Aug 89

["Turkey Keeps Raising Obstacles"—BTA headline]

[Text] Svilengrad, August 27 (BTA)—At 10:00 hrs today the passenger train running from Dikea, Greece, to Svilengrad arrived here with two additional carriages, carrying 75 Czechoslovak and Hungarian citizens who were stranded in Turkey when it decided to stop the

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Trident Problems Seen as Help for Disarmament

AU2908111189 East Berlin NEUES DEUTSCHLAND in German 24 Aug 89 p 2

["W.M." article: "Good Advice to Washington"]

[Text] Washington has released the news that the Pentagon suspects fundamental mistakes in the construction of the strategic "Trident 2" missile. Last week a test failed for the second time in 5 months. Shortly after it was launched, the missile exploded. It is said that the Department of Defense shares the opinion of Rear Admiral Malley, who believes that the jets of the driving mechanism of the first stage of the missile are not powerful enough. Investigations continue. However, Washington expects that it will not be possible to deploy the missile on submarines, for which Lockheed charges $26 million per unit, beginning early 1990, as was scheduled.

This is good news. At least for all those who support the continuation of the disarmament process and, particularly, the early conclusion of an agreement between the USSR and the United States on a 50-percent reduction of strategic arsenals. "Trident 2" is one of the three systems, on which the strategy of nuclear deterrence is to be based in the future, according to the view of the U.S. Administration. The two others are the land-based "MX" intercontinental missile, and the so-called "B-2" stealth bomber, which even costs $500 million each.

Now the U.S. Government could make a virtue of necessity and finally give up its delaying action against the agreement, the drawing up of which was put on the agenda by USSR and U.S. representatives as far back as 1985. Even before the obvious construction mistakes of the "Trident 2" became public, THE NEW YORK TIMES criticized Washington for hesitating on three questions: whether the land-based mobile missiles should be banned, whether the sea-based missiles should be limited, and whether the regulations under the ABM Treaty should be continued to be observed. For 8 months the Administration has examined its bargaining position, the paper wrote. Now it is high time to use the opportunity and conclude the agreement.

One can only support this piece of good advice....

CSSR Minister Johanes Interviewed in Geneva

AU2408172589 Bratislava PRAVDA in Slovak 19 Aug 89 p 5

[Interview with CSSR Foreign minister Jaromir Johanes by Vaclav Mecir, a CTK correspondent: "Our Initiatives and Suggestions"—in Geneva on 18 August]

[Text] Geneva—Jaromir Johanes, CSSR minister of foreign affairs, who addressed the disarmament conference on Thursday [17 August], gave an interview to a CTK correspondent at the end of his visit to Geneva.

[Mecir] What was the aim of your working visit to Geneva?

[Johanes] Thanks to the favorable tendencies in international relations, the significance of multi-lateral disarmament talks, which have been given a positive stimulus by the contemporary Soviet-American dialogue, has increased in recent years. In connection with this, at the close of this year's session of the Geneva disarmament conference, which, in spite of the efforts of many member states, including Czechoslovakia, did not bring more marked progress, we considered it necessary to come up with an overall point of view on the issues under discussion and on the possibilities for their resolution. During my visit to Geneva, I also held talks with Jan Martenson, general director of the UN European Bureau and director of the UN Center for Human Rights, with Gerald Hinteregger, executive secretary of the UN Economic Commission for Europe [ECE], and with Miljan Komatin, general secretary of the disarmament conference.

[Mecir] In your speech you again confirmed Czechoslovakia's active participation in and comprehensive support for the disarmament conference. How do you evaluate its work?

[Johanes] Indisputably, the flexible course of the USSR and the other socialist countries, including Czechoslovakia, has had a great influence on the conference proceedings. The suggestions which arise from the policy of restructuring are being favorably manifested. I am convinced that in the present situation the conference can do a great deal to accelerate the process of real disarmament and to guarantee its irreversibility. However, it is essential that the conference proceeds as soon as possible toward the practical resolution of the problem of nuclear disarmament and, in particular, completes the preparation of an agreement on the prohibition and elimination of chemical weapons.

[Mecir] Can the conference contribute to the implementation of the CSSR's foreign policy initiatives which you spoke about here?

[Johanes] Our initiatives have a lot in common with the Geneva discussions. For example, the implementation of the CSSR and GDR initiative to create a chemical-free zone in central Europe should certainly be a contribution to the preparation of an agreement on their complete prohibition. Fruitful results from the Geneva talks should make it easier to create a zone of trust, cooperation, and good-neighborly relations along the line of contact between the Warsaw Pact member states and NATO, as proposed by Milos Jakes, general secretary of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia Central Committee. We spoke about these issues in a similar spirit during my meeting with M. Komatin who praised the active participation of Czechoslovakia in the work of the conference.

[Mecir] What was discussed in your other working discussions in Geneva?

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Isai Speaks at Peshkopi Liberation Rally

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[Report on speech delivered by Hekuran Isai, Albanian Workers Party Central Committee Politburo member and secretary, at a rally in Peshkopi on the 45th anniversary of the 18th Assault Brigade and the city's liberation on 27 August]

[Text] [Begin Isai recording] Dear comrades, veterans, and former partisans of the 18th Assault Brigade: We are celebrating the 45th anniversary of the district's liberation from the Nazi-fascist occupiers and the domestic traitors, as well as the 45th anniversary of the 18th Assault Brigade. This is truly a great, popular celebration and I wish you many happy returns.

In the name of the party Central Committee, its first secretary, Comrade Ramiz Alia personally, the Presidium of the People's Assembly, and the Council of Ministers, I convey to you best wishes. [applause]

It has now been 45 years since our armed revolution, under the leadership of the party and our legendary commander, Enver Hoxha, overthrew the old world of oppression, suppression, exploitation, and intrigues. [applause] The National Liberation War left us a legacy of sentiments and inspiration. Its characteristics have been preserved during the 45 years that have elapsed since then.

One of the more important traits of our partisans was that they had no pretensions. Their only desire was to participate in the most difficult battles and they considered the worst punishment to be that of being excluded from battles, for whatever reason. Today, it is considered an equivalent punishment to remove someone from the most difficult fronts of work and production. We must admit, however, that there are cases in which people tend to be attracted to an easy life and cushy jobs, while society is making great sacrifices in the construction of socialism. These are also being aided by some cadres through their intervention.

Solidarity was another distinguishing trait of the partisans, a trait that has been raised increasingly higher by the party during the past 45 years. The struggle for reconstruction and for the construction of socialism brought this solidarity to the fore in such massive actions as the ones in Lukova [building of plantations by young volunteers], the construction of railroads, and so forth. The elimination of the consequences of earthquakes, the elimination of provincial and religious differences, and the north-south and south-north movements are other examples of this solidarity. A typhoon swept the Kala e Dodes region a few days ago, and all Albania rose like one to help it.

Reliance on the people was another characteristic of the partisans. It was the people who filled the ranks of partisan units. It was the people who formed the vanguard units when the partisans were on the march. It was the people who supplied the partisans. It was the people who provided the hospitals in their homes. It was the people who cared for the wounded. The party raised these characteristics to higher levels in conformity with the principle that socialism is built by the masses, the party makes them aware. [applause]

Strong and conscious discipline was another characteristic of the partisans. This discipline was implanted deeply in the minds and hearts of people during the years of socialist construction. If this had not been so, it would have been difficult to carry out the agrarian reform, to impose the extraordinary postwar taxation and the expropriation of property, to carry out the industrialization, the collectivization of agriculture, and the country's electrification. If this were not so, it would have been difficult to eradicate religion and to replace it with knowledge and culture. Conscious partisan discipline is now a characteristic trait in our armed forces, the worthy successors of the partisan units. The army is how the people want it to be: well armed, strong, and vigilant. [applause]

The partisans had a great love for life because the party showed them the prospects and broad horizons of the future. They shed tears for their fallen comrades and cried out in pain. On the other hand, they were filled with optimism. The massive participation of the youth was another characteristic trait of the National Liberation War. Over 90 percent of the partisans were young people. When we salute the martyrs with clenched fists, we remember that their average age was 19-23 years. Youth has strength and energy. The party gave them the leadership and the youth carried out acts of heroism in the war. They carried out acts of heroism after the war, too. There is no action that does not bear the imprint of our youth. [applause] [end recording]

Comrade Hekuran Isai continued:

Among the lessons to be drawn from these 45 years of socialist construction, the most fundamental ones concern the constant consolidation of the leadership role of the Albanian Workers Party and the preservation of the people's power regardless of sacrifices. During these 45 years our party has never retreated before the domestic and external enemies who sought to turn it away from the Marxist-Leninist road. The party has waged particularly bitter and dangerous battles against modern revisionism in connection with the role of the party in revolution and in the construction of socialism. Our party has declared that the weakening and destruction of the leadership role of the Marxist-Leninist party leads inevitably to the destruction of the victories of the people's revolution and, consequently, to the assumption of power by the bourgeoisie.

Pluralism has now been introduced to a large degree in the revisionist countries. Even in those countries where there is hesitancy about pluralism, other ways have been

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